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SENATOR CULLAN: That's just the first step in a very long process to help someone with their very serious problems, but that's a very necessary step in a lot of cases.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Ladies and gentlemen and members of the Legislature, it's rather obvious that this particular issue is a very complex issue, an issue that no one in this country has the answer to. If we had today a cure for alcoholism, oh...wouldn't it be a relief to the society? Not just a monetary relief, but the mental strain, the affliction that hits the American family today because of alcoholism. It's unfortunate that we haven't been able to make better gains in our efforts to curb and control the problems associated with alcohol today. We say we've got to start teaching about alcohol abuse in our elementary schools. We've been doing that...we've...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have Senator Chamber's light on and Senator Haber...Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak on the motion? The motion before the House is the Murphy motion to kill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have consumed no alcohol in my life, and perhaps that's why I'm so sympathetic toward those who have that affliction, and since this society allows an industry to make so much money off the misery of its citizens, we know that alcohol is a disease, and that an alcoholic cannot be cured but can only be sober if he or she leaves the liquor alone. We ought to try to show a bit, I think, of understanding for these people, and since all you are going to do is put a person one place or another, either in jail where they're locked up and receive no help, or someplace where people might be in a position to counsel and assist them with their problem, I would rather see them not locked up and put in a place where there's a possibility of receiving some help. In the same way that there is no cure for alcoholism, there is no cure for cancer, but you don't lock people up in jail because they get cancer from voluntarily smoking. So I think it is not a good thing to take something which has been declared to be a sickness and punish people as though they are committing a crime. I think the attitude must change, and although I don't have a lot of respect for people who